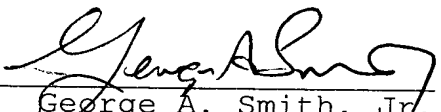


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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

With the cancellation of claims 1-16, and claims 17 and 18 each being rewritten in independent form, it is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance. The issuance of a notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

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